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**Subject: Whale Tail Lake South Basin Treated Water Diffuser Design Report; Type “A”
Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines
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Dear Robin Allard and Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on June 23, 2020, the document entitled “Whale Tail Lake South Basin Treated Water Diffuser Design Report” (Report) as a requirement of Part D, Items 1 and 3 of Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence). The Report was dated June 15, 2020.

The Report was distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set for July 14, 2020. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) provided its comments on July 13 and 14, 2020, respectively. CIRNA inquired of the contingent plan for winter use of the diffuser and the reasons why only a single diffuser was heat-traced. The KivIA stated that it did not have any comments.

On July 17, 2020, Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA’s comments asserting that

... if winter inflows are greater than expected by the model, some excess water might need to be treated and discharged to Whale Tail South Lake through the diffuser during the winter. Prior to discharge, an evaluation of the projected impact on the receiving lake will be performed. Winter discharge to Whale Tail South will only be carried out if the projected water quality meets the 2AM-WTP1830 licence and MDMER requirements.

In addition, the Licensee clarified that steaming is performed in lieu of heat tracing.

The Board acknowledges that the Report addresses the requirements of Part D, Items 1 and 3 of Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 and has accepted the “Whale Tail Lake South Basin Treated Water Diffuser Design Report” as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, Item 1 and may proceed in accordance with the Report provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the document.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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